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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

FRANÇOIS GUGUMUS

APPLICATION NO: 10/081,291

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FOR: SYNERGISTIC STABILIZER MIXTURE

Group Art Unit: 1714

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

I, François Gugumus, a citizen of France and a resident of 4123 Allschwil, Switzerland, hereby declare:

That I was awarded the degree of a Doctor of Science by the University of Strassbourg, France, in 1965.

That I have been employed by Ciba-Geigy AG, now Ciba Inc., as Chemist in the Additives Division and have been engaged in the field of stabilizers for polymers since 1970.

That I am an inventor of numerous U.S. Patents, for example Nos. 4,148,783; 4,692,486; 4,623,480 and 4,734,449 assigned to Ciba-Geigy Corp.

That I am the author of numerous technical articles relating to the same or closely related field of research, for example:

"Progrès dans la protection des matières plastiques contre le rayonnement UV", Kunststoffe-Plastics 22 (1975), 11-19;

"Developments in the UV stabilization of polymers", Developments in Polymer Stabilization, Applied Science Publishers Ltd., London, 1979, 261-308;

"Contribution to polyethylene photooxidation", Angewandte Makromolekulare Chemie 158/159 (1988), 151-176;

"Antioxydantien", Kunststoffe 77 (1987), 1070-1107;

"Lichtschutzmittel", Kunststoffe 77 (1987), 1165-1210;

"The use of accelerated tests in the evaluation of antioxidants and light stabilizers", Developments in Polymer Stabilization, Applied Science Publishers Ltd., London, 1987, 239-289.

That I am the inventor of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,291 and 08/858,191 now U.S. Patent No. 6,015,849.

I am the Declarant for a Declaration submitted and relied on during the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 08/858,191, now U.S. Patent No. 6,015,849. This Declaration was signed by me on April 6, 1998 and submitted to the USPTO on June 4, 1998.

Compound B used in the comparative tests of said Declaration was purchased commercially under the trade name UVASORB HA 88.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008

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